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SUBJECT: ESCAP MEETING ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HAS PROVED  
PEDESTRIAN AND UNEVENTFUL. THE MOST VOCAL OF THE TWO DO-  
MINATING GROUPS ARE THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT FOLLOWED BY THE  
PACIFIC. LESSER ACTIVISTS INCLUDE IRAN AND INDONESIA.

2. SOVIET GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT WAS STANDARD FARE WITH  
EMPHASIS ON ADVANTAGES PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF LAND. RUSSIAN  
DELEGATE ALSO MADE RATHER EXTENSIVE EXTEMPORANEOUS TOUR D'  
HORIZON INTERVENTION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, DEALING WITH URBAN  
MIGRATION, UNIVERSALITY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS AND  
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COMPLEXITY THEREOF..

3. AUSTRALIANS, IN A STATEMENT PROPOSING CREATION OF A TASK  
FORCE(INTERGOVERNMENTAL) TO EXAMINE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS QUESTION  
FOR THE REGION, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH UPON PRIVATE  
SECTOR ADVANTAGES. WE INTERVENED ON SAME QUESTIONS AND CONFERENCE  
REPORT SHOULD REFLECT BALANCED STATEMENT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

INTERRELATIONSHIPS.

4. IRANIANS PROPOSED THAT PRIOR TO CONVENING TASK FORCE, ESCAP SHOULD PREPARE A QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ASKING EACH TO IDENTIFY NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES AND HOW COUNTRY PERCEIVES NEED FOR REGIONAL ASSISTANCE. TASK FORCE QUESTION WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINED IN LAST DAYS OF CONFERENCE, BUT AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, INTENTION IS TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGION, AND IF IRANIAN PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, TASK FORCE WILL HAVE FACT BASE ON WHICH TO PROCEED WITH ITS WORK. (U.S. PROPOSED THAT IF CONFERENCE CHOOSES TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE, IT SHOULD HAVE THE CLEAREST TERMS OF REFERENCE POSSIBLE). WE DO NOT SEE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH TASK FORCE PROPOSAL AND INTEND TO SUPPORT IT.

5. MOST OF UN AGENCIES MADE STATEMENTS WITH UN HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE (UNEP DELEGATE) DELIVERING AN EXTENSIVE ONE. IT EMBODIED A COMPLETE RUNDOWN OF ALL OF THE PROJECTS THE FOUNDATION HAS PERFORMED IN THE REGION. DURING GENERAL DEBATE, SEVERAL RECIPIENT DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED QUOTE APPRECIATION UNQUOTE TO THE FOUNDATION AND UNEP FOR THEIR EFFORTS. WHETHER THIS REFLECTS AN EFFORT BY THE UNEP/FOUNDATION FORCES TO ORCHESTRATE A CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTING THE NAIROBI SOLUTION IS NOT CLEAR.

6. WITH REGARD TO ENVIRONMENT, SOME OF THE DELEGATIONS MADE PASSIVE REFERENCES TO THE FACT THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A LUXURY COUNTRIES AS POOR AS THEY CANNOT AFFORD.

7. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TAKEN UP LATER IN THE WEEK.  
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